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Applicant : Jaswinder P. Singh et al.
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M/S Response
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 12, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Interview Summary begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 8 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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Reply to Office action of Feb. 12, 2004

Interview Summary:

Applicants thank the Examiners for the courtesy extended to Applicants in granting the interview on June 9, 2004 regarding the present application. The rejection under 35 U.S.C. §101 was discussed. It was agreed that such rejection is not applicable to the proposed amended versions of the claims. No agreement was reached as to whether such rejection would be applicable to the unamended claims.

The proposed amendments to claims 1 and 4, and a new claim 24 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that such claims appeared to be allowable over the reference Mandler.

Applicants agreed to submit a formal amendment. Applicants noted that some changes from the form of proposed amendment would be made in the formal amendment.